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David J. Mangelsdorf et al.

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NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE PRIMARY EXAMINER TO THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

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Commissioner:

Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision of the Primary Examiner mailed August 13, 2001, finally rejecting claims 1, 2, 4-14, 23-27, 29, 44 and 45.

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